



Northeast Central Ohio Region 5
REGIONAL WORKGROUP MEETINGS
August 21, 2007

MRC

Present: Colleen Dundon, Carroll County; Tori Luyster, Stark County; Bob Walker, Robinson Memorial Hospital; Dave Randall, Richland County; Jessica Miles, Summit County; Bruce Shade, RMRS Coordinator; Ray Herbst, Ashland County; Jim Hubert, Tuscarawas County; David Nunley, Summit County; Tom Decker, Medina County; Kathy Coleman, Summit County

FACILITATOR: David Nunley

Badging Updates

- Medina Co. has been provided with a badging system through CRI - Region 2. Tom distributed a printout of badging choices through that system. The state is coming out with a badging system, so badges issued now say “temporary.”
- Summit County has purchased badging equipment and is looking at purchasing another laptop unit that will be assigned solely to the badging process. Waiting for determination as to formatting consistency across the region.
- Stark County previously purchased 500 numbered badges. They’re not picture-IDs or color coded, but the color coding can be added later.
- Portage has already purchased a machine.
- It was agreed that there should be consistency across the region. Everyone was encouraged to put together a template and email to Kerry. It was suggested that Region 5 be consistent with Region 2. David will send out the templates from Region 2.
- Color-coding by service responsibility was discussed; there is some variability, but law enforcement (or anyone carrying a weapon) would be blue, medical would be orange. With the anticipation that the state will be providing direction regarding color-coding, our focus should be on layout and content at this point.

Background Checks

- David distributed a handout regarding the Red Cross’ background checks. Red Cross uses Mybackgroundcheck.com. Ray checked with Ashland’s Red Cross and confirmed that the cost was \$4 per check. Bruce will look into this further as to scope, cost, etc.
- It makes sense to parallel federal guidelines in terms of background checks, but it’s important to restrict our focus to regional needs in alignment with our mission statement.

Regional Website

- Kathy reported that the website is nearly ready to go live. As soon as some server issues are resolved, the site will be published. It will be called www.neco5.org and will be demonstrated at the regional meeting on August 30. Documents for posting can be sent to kcoleman@schd.org.

OPHCS

- Hospitals are not on OPHCS yet.
- It appears that everyone has access, but the MRC folders are empty. David will look into it and email everyone when it’s corrected.

Notification of Volunteers

- Notification of the need to activate the MRC would probably go through the EMA’s notification system, then the MRC unit would contact their volunteers through whatever means they’ve developed.

- It would be difficult to create a regional plan for notification since the communication systems vary so widely across the region. It's an issue that EMAs should be involved with.

Recruitment

- Tom distributed recruitment posters that Region 2 is using.
- Stark did a mass mailing
- Summit has a mass mailing of 12,000 brochures and registration forms upcoming.
- Tom suggested addressing Police and Fire of Ohio retirees; contact information is on their website <http://www.pfro.com/>
- Retired military personnel are another group to consider

Other

- The after-action report from the school closure tabletop was passed around. One of the main points out of the exercise was that the schools are looking to Public Health to make decisions for them and suggests that Public Health should be more pro-active in the schools regarding education about handwashing, social distancing, etc.
- Medina is having their MRC 101 on September 13, 14, and 15.
- Stark's second intro training will be held on October 3.

The next meeting will be September 18 at 1:30pm at ARHA.